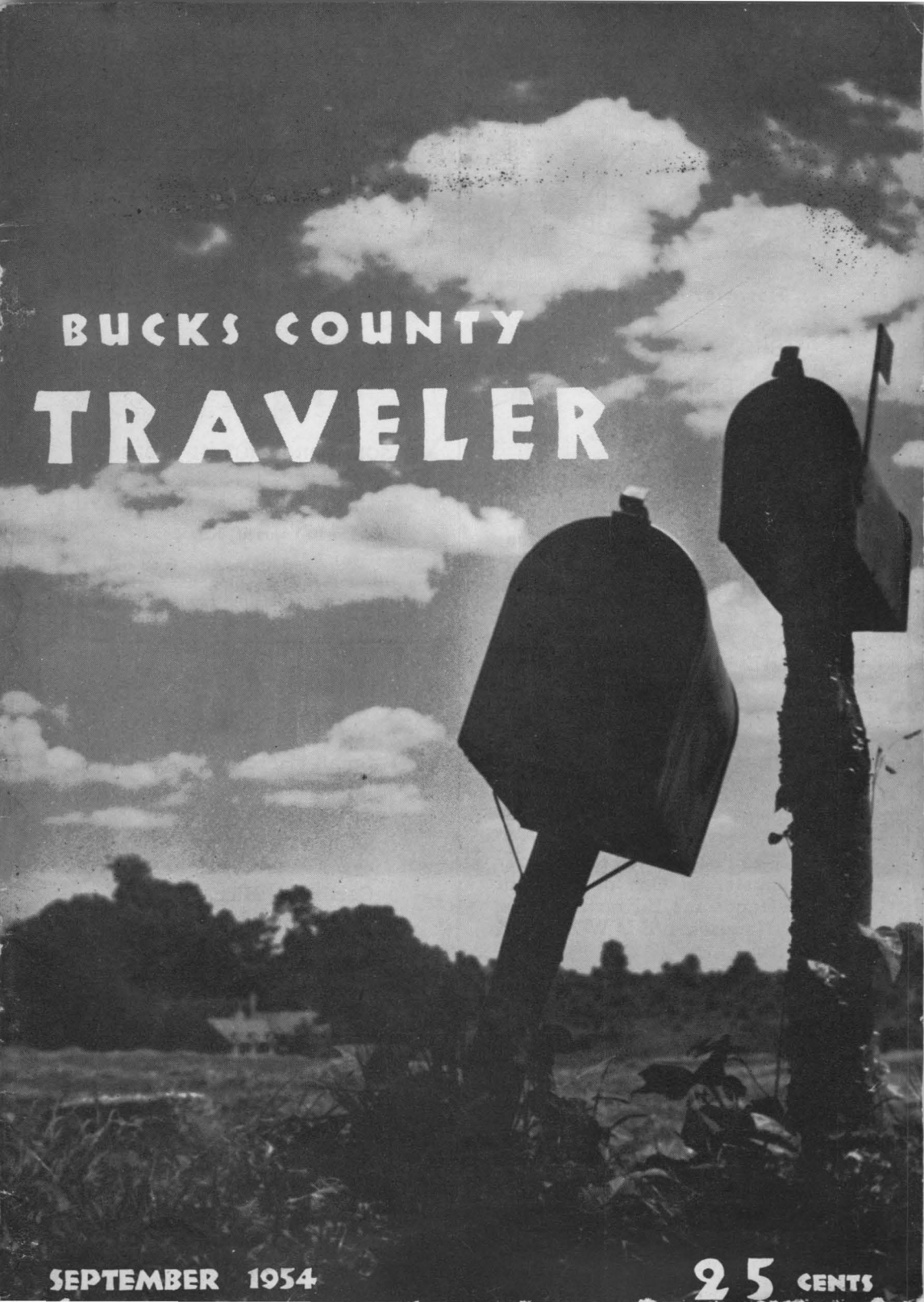
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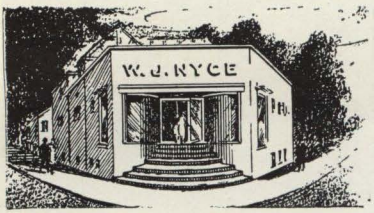

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Autumn Notes . . .

There is a feeling of Fall in the copper tones and autumn leaf coloring at the Craft Shop right now. The little door curtain is rust colored, edged with garlands of tiny fruit. The table settings are in wood browns, bittersweet, smokey violet and soft olive greens. The candle colors are autumn gold, dusty rose, rich wine purple and other fall shades.

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Cover Picture

"RFD, Bucks County" by Doylestown Photographer Hal Clark, catches a pair of rural mail-boxes chatting about the approach of the fall.

LETTERS

New Market, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I read with interest your article about mullein. It is one of the old household herbs that were used in my childhood. The roots were used for asthma. For this purpose burn the root and inhale the fumes. A tea made of the leaves is very good for croup, bronchitis, hay fever and also as a throat gargle. A tea made from the flowers will induce sleep.

The fresh flowers, crushed, will remove warts. Boil for a few minutes one ounce of mullein in 1 pint of milk. For any kind of swelling, make a tea by simmering one ounce of mullein, and one ounce of sanicle herb in two quarts of water for 15 minutes. Dip a cloth in this tea, wring out and apply to swollen parts. My grandfather used to go out in the morning and come back later in the afternoon with bunches of herbs tied in a bundle. He would dry them, and use them in the winter-time.

Mrs. R. H. Butterworth

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Chalfont, Penna.
POS of A Home

Gentlemen:

Before becoming a resident of the above home, I lived in Berks County, and, as a

hobby, collected pictures of covered bridges for a number of years. I am not in a position to do collecting here, but am still interested in these old bridges.

In March 1953 edition of the Traveler *you* published an article "The Old is not yet Dead," written by John Cummings of the Bucks County Historical Society about William H. Keller in Chalfont making cookie cutters of all shapes and styles. I am that man, and it is still my main hobby.

I have collected more than three hundred designs, have not made all of them, but if I live long enough hope to do so. Any friends I meet who have any of these old cutters, I ask them to let me trace them and add to my book of designs.

Mr. Cummings, who wrote the article, and I are good pals, and I never go to Doylestown without making a call on him.

William H. Keller

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Morrisville, Penna.

Gentlemen:

Thanks for the copies of your fine little publication. I have read everything most thoroughly, because most of my literary work has been in the realm of history and historical research. Perhaps you have noted in the Trentonian, that I have been editing certain rare papers and documents, which will be later published in several large volumes, covering the period 1614-1778, and those documents and papers have never been published up to this time.

Make sure I send you a review copy of any of my works, including my latest on General Patton's great Third Army.

Irving E. Pugh

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So. Paris, Maine

Gentlemen:

Have just read the Traveler and felt I must write you how much I enjoy anything you print about covered bridges. They add a great deal to our collection.

I belong to the Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges. Do keep up the good work.

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OLD TRAVELER

I won my Masters degree for baby sitting during two days last month. (I earned my B.S. degree a year after I married.) My son, his wife and my two grandchildren were with me for a visit. The son and my daughter wanted to see something of Bucks County, so I agreed to keep the children. The three year old was a problem, *no spinach but lots of bread and honey.* The ten month old girl was under control always. Feeding and changing was a cinch (both methods are somewhat different from those of two decades ago). Being an old fashioned man, I prefer having the babies fed the regular old stuff, and not out of cans of strained vegetables and meats. I'll admit the new paper drypers are an improvement.

My dog resented the affection I showed the children, and sulked under the daybed. The son and family were gone three days before the dog took possession of me again.

I love children and dogs, my own, my neighbors—all of 'em. I hate cats—there should be a law against cats. One can tolerate kittens but before they become cats they should, like tadpoles, turn into something else and just hop off.

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SEVERAL years ago my wife and I went on a week's vacation (at that time we lived in the city). Our next door neighbor kindly offered to keep Teddy, our fox terrier. When we returned, Teddy greeted us enthusiastically then ran to his kennel and barked to me. After six trips I had all of our evening newspapers laid at my feet. The newsboy had failed to stop our paper as I had requested and the dog had saved them for us. Can you imagine a cat doing that?

When my son was three, he was given a fluffy pink chick at Easter. The children named it Peggy, but Peggy soon

lost its pink down, developed white feathers, a red comb and spurs. We changed his name to Peter. I took charge of Peter, just as every man monopolizes his son's Christmas mechanical railroad, and did my darndest to make a cock fighter out of him. He developed into the meanest rooster I ever saw. After three months training he chased dogs and cats, and wouldn't allow a child to come near our yard. Peter roosted in a fire place on our side veranda. He made life miserable at daybreak for every family within half a block of our home. We found him one morning with a hole in his head. I can't believe it was made by a spur.

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SNAKES are disappearing in our part of Bucks County. When we first moved on our place ten years ago, you almost stepped on them in the woods or walking up the lane, there were so many. We could drive to Quakertown and find four or five on the road run over by motorcars. Now you don't see one. Last summer there were only two on our place, this summer there is only one. He suns himself on a large rock in our yard. Seems to defy me until I pick up a stick. Then he whirls under the rock or finds cover in the nearby ivy. I'll not kill him. I can't kill anything, so I've just named him McCarthy.

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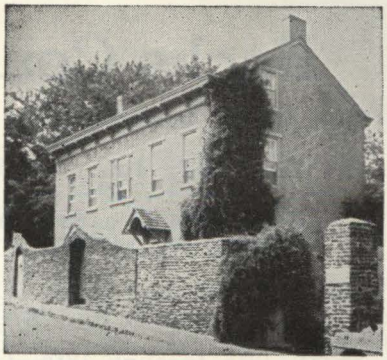
I'LL have to stick to my guess of the number of hosiery mills and home knitting machines given in last month's issue of the Traveler. Thought I could secure the exact number from the tax assessors of the County but have not heard from all of them.

—Henry L. Freking



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Lenape Park, Perkasie. For picnicking and boating. Free.

Mercer Fonthill Museum—On East Court Street, Doylestown. The private collection of the late Henry Mercer, founder and builder of the Historical Museum. Open weekdays from 1 to 4.

Mercer Tileworks. The famed Tileworks of the late Dr. Mercer, located behind his home (Fonthill Museum) on E. Court Street, Doylestown. Open weekdays 9 to 4:30.

Pennsbury Manor—The beautifully reconstructed home and gardens of William Penn. On the river between Morrisville and Bristol. Open daily from 10 to 4:30. Adults admission, 50 cents; children under 12, free.

Quakertown Municipal Park—On Mill Street. Ice skating rink, picnic tables, fireplaces.

Railroad Museum—On Upper River Road in Yardley, Edwin P. Alexander has a remarkable collection of railroadiana and old toy trains. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p. m. Also by appointment. Admission free.

Ringing Rocks—One & a half miles west of Upper Black Eddy in Bridgeton Township. Four acres of trap rock boulders many of which ring loud and clearly when struck with a hammer. In 1890 a Dr. Ott of Pleasant Valley collected enough to make a musical scale on which he played tunes, accompanied by the Pleasant Valley Band, at a meeting of the Buck Wampum Literary and Historical Association.

Ralph Stover State Park—On Tohickon Creek west of Point Pleasant. A scenic picnic area. Closes at Sundown.

Washington Crossing State Park—One of the nation's major historical shrines, commemorating the famous crossing in 1776. On River Road between Yardley and New Hope. **The Lower Park** is the setting for the boulder marking the embarkation point. The nearby Methodist Church has on display the famed Leutze painting of General George Washington in a big rowboat—from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. **The Upper Park** at Bowman's Hill, 3 miles south of New Hope, has picnic fireplaces and tables and a wildflower preserve. Also of interest: A burial ground for several Continental soldiers. The Thompson-Neely house is open only by appointment. Bird banding every Saturday and Sunday at 4 p. m. Bowman's Tower commands a view of the valley. It closes at sundown. The park is closed at 10 p. m.

Until Sept. 4—"The Champagne Complex." Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa.
Sept. 1.-2—Upper Bucks County Antiques Show. Moose Hall, Broadway, Quakertown.
Sept. 4, 5 & 6—Flemington Fair, Flemington, N. J.
Sept. 5—National Motorcycle Championship Races. Langhorne Speedway.
Sept. 6 - 11—Constance Bennett in "Sabrina Fair." The Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa.
Sept. 7 - 29th—"Oklahoma." The Music Circus, Lambertville, N. J.
Sept. 9th—MOST PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN.
Sept. 13 - 18—Gaby Rogers in World Premiere of John D. Hess comedy, "The Facts of Life." The Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa.
Sept. 16—Doylestown Nature Club Fall Flower Show. Education Bldg. Deep Run Presbyterian Church, Doylestown. 2:30 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.
Sept. 17—Doylestown Nature Club Fall Flower Show. Education Bldg. Deep Run Presbyterian Church, Doylestown. 1:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.
Trevose Horticultural Society Fall Flower Show. Community House, Trevose, Pa.
Sept. 18—Trevose Horticultural Society Fall Flower Show. Commmunity House, Trevose, Pa.
Sept. 20 - 25—"Dame Nature" at The Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa.
Sept. 24—Lecture on "Wildflowers of the Bowman's Hill Preserve." Washington Crossing Park Pavilion.
Sept. 25—General Meeting of Republican County Committee. Moose Auditorium, Doylestown.
Sept. 26 - Oct. 3rd—New Jersey State Fair, Trenton, N. J.
Sept. 27 - Oct. 2—Magda Gabor in "Bernadine." The Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa.
Sept. 28 - 30—Middletown Grange Country Fair at Heston Manor Farm. On the Dolington Road, off the Newtown-Yardley Turnpike (Rt. 432). 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

ART EXHIBITS

Group Show, Bucks County Artists at the **Delaware Bookshop Gallery,** New Hope. Sundays by Appointment.
Alan Galleries of New York exhibiting at **Charles-Fourth Gallery,** New Hope through the 26th.
Bucks County Artists, including **Redfield, Spencer,** at **Moore Price Gallery,** Philip's Chapel Road, New Hope.
Bucks County Artists on exhibit at **The Barn** restaurant, Buckingham, Pa.
Delaware Valley Artists Assoc. Fall Show at Borough Hall, Milford, N. J. **September 1 through 6.**

Being restaurants which serve good food, or which have a reputation for so doing. Other names may be added as we travel farther afield, meanwhile these have our approval. We shall appreciate both complaints and suggestions. Note: no liquor is served in Pennsylvania on Sundays.

DOWN THE RIVER

Delaware Oaks—Route 611 at Riegelsville. Noon to 9 p. m. Closed Sunday.

Ewald's Diner—Route 611 at Riegelsville. Every day from 7 a. m. to 1:30 a. m.

Ferndale Hotel—Route 611 at Ferndale. Weekdays, 8 a. m. to midnight. Sundays 11 a. m. to 7 p. m.

The Gobblers—Pt. Pleasant. 11 a. m. to 1:30. 5 to 8. Sandwiches anytime. Bar. Dancing weekends. Closed Sundays.

Black Bass Hotel—River Road at Lumberville. Weekdays noon to 2:30, 6 to 9. Sundays 1 to 9.

Cuttalossa Inn—River Road, Lumberville. Noon to 2, 5:30 to 10. Closed Sundays. Closes Dec. 1 for the winter.

Logan Inn—Ferry Street, New Hope. Noon to 2:15, 6 to 8:45. Closed Sundays.

Playhouse Inn—On the river next to the Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope. Weekdays 11 to 3. 5 till 2 a. m. Sunday 1 to midnight. Food served until closing. Cocktail Lounge.

Tow Path House—Mechanics Street, New Hope. Weekdays noon to 2:30 p. m. 5 to 9:30 p. m. Sundays 1 to 8 p. m. Bar. Closed Mondays.

Canal House—Mechanics Street, New Hope. 6 to 9 p. m. Cocktail Bar. Music. Closed Sundays.

River House—S. River Road, New Hope. Weekdays noon to 2:30, 5 to 9. Sundays noon to 8.

Old Cartwheel Inn—Old York Road West of New Hope. Weekdays Noon to 2:30, 5 to 8 (Saturdays to 9.) Sundays noon to 8. Closed Mondays.

Volare's—Old York Road west of New Hope. 5:30 to 10. Late snacks. Cocktail bar. Closed Sundays.

Tower Tavern—River Road at Bowman's Hill. Daily from 11 a. m. to 2 a. m. Saturdays to midnight. Closed Sundays.

Washington Crossing Inn—Washington Crossing. Weekdays 12 to 2, 5 to 8. Sundays 12 to 7. Closed Mondays.

Jack Hansen's Inn—Old Lincoln Highway, Morrisville. 12 noon to 1 a. m. Closed Sundays.

Pennsbury Inn—Off Bristol Road near Pennsbury Manor. 11:30 a. m. to 10 p. m. Closed Sundays.

Red Lion Inn—Frankford Avenue and City Line, Andalusia. Lunch and Dinner.

UP THE COUNTY

Flannery's Restaurant—Lincoln Highway, Penndell. 10 a. m. to 2 a. m. Saturday 10 a. m. to Midnight. Sunday 10 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Buck Hotel—Bustleton & Bridgeton Pikes, Feasterville. 11:30 to 3 p. m. 5 to 10 p. m. Closed Sundays.

Pine Tree Inn—Bustleton Pike & Woodland Road, Feasterville. 12 noon to 2 p. m. 4 to 8 p. m. Bar. Closed Sundays.

Temperance House—Washington & State Streets, Newtown. 12 to 2:30, 5 to 8. Sunday 12 to 7. Closed Monday. Beer only.

Lavender Hall—Rt. 532, Newtown. 12:30 to 8:30 p. m. Bar. Open every day.

Vincent's Warrington Inn—Route 611 at Warrington. Weekdays 11:30 a. m. to midnight. Saturdays noon to 9:30. Closed Sundays.

General Greene Inn—At the crossroads in Buckingham. 12 to 2, 5 to 7:30. Closed Sundays.

Stone Manor—Buckingham. Restaurant and Bar. Daily 9 a. m. to 2 a. m. Saturday to midnight. Closed Sundays. Dancing.

The Barn—Buckingham. Lunch and Dinner. 12 noon to 2 a. m. Closed Sundays.

Doylestown Inn—West State Street, Doylestown. Grill room 7 a. m. to midnight, Sunday 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Dining room 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Fountain House—N. Main Street, Doylestown. Breakfast 7 to 10:30. Lunch & dinner, noon to 8.

Ed's Diner—Route 202, Doylestown. Open day and night.

Conti's Inn—Cross Keys. Noon to midnight. Closed Sundays.

Countryside Inn—Cross Keys. Noon to midnight. Closed Sundays.

Water Wheel Inn—Old route 611 north of Doylestown. Weekdays 11:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. Saturdays 11:30 a. m. to midnight. Sundays 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. Closed Mondays. Cocktail lounge.

Pipersville Inn—Route 413, Pipersville. Noon to 2, 5 to 9. Sunday noon to 8 p. m. Closed Mondays.

Goldie's Restaurant—Route 313 at Dublin. 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Sundays 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Twin Gables—1222 Broad Street, Quakertown. Noon to 9 p. m. (Fridays & Saturdays to midnight, Sundays to 8 p. m.)

Eagle Hotel—Hellertown Avenue & Broad Street, Quakertown. 5 p. m. to midnight, Sunday noon to 7 p. m. Closed Monday & Tuesday.

Perosa Inn—Route 309, Line Lexington. Open noon to midnight. Closed Sundays.

Meyer's Restaurant—Route 309, Quakertown. 8 a. m. to midnight. Fridays to 2 a. m.

Benetz Inn—Route 309, Quakertown. 8 a. m. to Midnight. Sundays 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Closed Mondays.

Trainer's Restaurant—Route 309, Quakertown. Daily 6:30 a. m. to 12:30 a. m.

Washington House—Route 309, Sellersville.

ACROSS THE RIVER

Colligan's—Stockton, N. J. Weekdays 5 to 11 p. m. Saturdays noon to 11 p. m. Sundays noon to 10. Closed Mondays.

Lambertville House—Bridge Street, Lambertville, N. J. Weekdays: Breakfast 7 to 9; lunch and dinner 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. Sundays: breakfast 7:30 to 9; lunch & dinner 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m.

River's Edge—Lambert Lane, Lambertville, N. J. 5:30 to 10. Supper 11 to 1. Cocktail bar. Closed Sundays.

Landwehr's—River Road, north of Trenton, N. J. Noon to 2 p. m. 5 to 8 p. m. Saturday and Sunday noon to 8 p. m. Closed Monday.

MOTOR TRIPS

Ringing Rocks

FOR this month's tour you should bring a hammer and wear old shoes. This cryptic suggestion will be explained later. On a trip last month one of our party wore his "Sunday Best" shoes. He now wears that pair for gardening only.

Starting at Doylestown you travel east (US 202), cutting off at Lahaska (Pa. 263) to *Center Bridge,* then north on Pa. 32. This drive along the canal and the Delaware offers beautiful views and many opportunities to stop for picnicking, fishing or strolling along the tow-path. State restoration of the canal and tow-path, successfully urged by the Delaware Valley Protective Association, is nearly complete.

At the *Black Bass Hotel* in *Lumberville,* you will find a foot bridge across the Delaware to Raven Rock, New Jersey. A short stop to walk across will be rewarding in its unobstructed view of the river.

Continuing north, each bend in the river holds a new scenic delight. Beyond *Point Pleasant* the *Cat 'N Fiddle Restaurant* is above the picturesque remains of a water wheel. The spillway still fills the air with the sound of cascading water. This spot alone would be one reason for carrying a camera on all family excursions. Incidentally, this is not an old mill but a replica of a mill in New Hope. Built in 1936 for electric power, it was used until quite recently.

Farther north, above Treasure Island, the canal moves inland, and the cliffs give way to valley floor farmland. At 1 mile north of *Upper Black Eddy,* turn left onto the road to *Revere.* It winds steeply up through wooded hillside. At the crest the wide view of New Jersey is reminiscent of Vermont.

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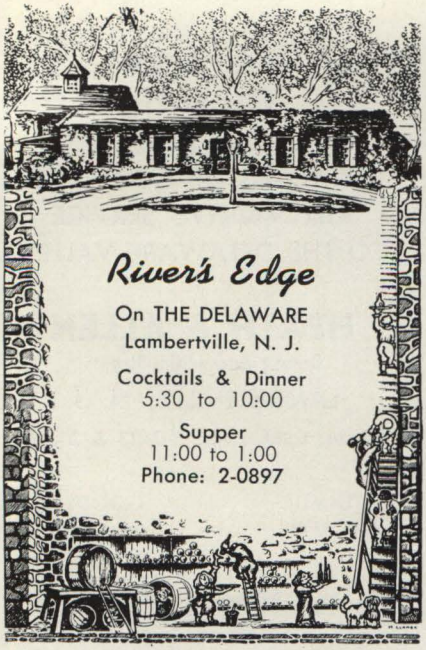

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DON'T forget the hammer. We had only a lug wrench and damaged it badly. Follow the well worn path through the trees until you come to what seems like a lake of boulders. These are the famous *Ringing Rocks*. Climb out well into the middle of the group. You may first select a boulder that gives an uninspired clank, but you will soon find others with clear ringing tones from treble to bass.

Microslides of these rocks have been examined at Lafayette College in Easton. There is no difference in structure between those that ring and those that don't. In fact, the tests showed that none of them should ring. The professors, however, concede that they do.

More of a puzzle than why they ring, or how they got there, is why no vegetation has arisen amongst them, for the land around contains similar boulders, but is overgrown with plants and trees. One theory assumes an intense fire, followed by heavy storms that washed away the top and sub-soil from that spot. You can make your own conjectures, while hammering out a tune.

Return to the fork and continue on the road to *Revere*. It ends 4 miles further on. Turn right, then (0.3 mile) left and straight ahead to U. S. 611, and, if pressed for time, south to *Doylestown*.

FOR the unhurried driver, the turn off to *Pipersville* (6.5 miles) provides an uncongested return route. At the *Pipersville Inn* (0.5 mile) turn left, then (0.2 mile) turn right. The road winds down to and through one of the county's covered bridges. The unnumbered route is not difficult to follow. As it sweeps down into *Carversville* (5.3 miles), the majestic view is easily one of the most impressive of the day.

A right turn in Carversville will take you the remaining 6 miles to *Doylestown*.

You can give from three hours to most of the day for this trip, which includes not only one of the county's seldom visited attractions, but also an area of unduplicated scenic splendour. —*BMA*

FACTS & FANCIES

IN the old days, apple butter time in Bucks County called for a "frolic" or "apple bee" when all the neighbors gathered at the buttermaker's home to help with the preparation of the apples and the stirring. The cider was made beforehand in the horse operated cider mill (there is one in the Bucks County Museum in Doylestown). Two barrels of cider were required for a batch of apple butter.

On the morning of the "frolic" a wood fire was built out of doors, and a large copper kettle and a smaller one were suspended over it. These were filled with cider, and as the cider boiled down in the large kettle it was replenished from that boiling in the small kettle. That in turn was kept filled from the cider barrel.

By evening the crowd began to gather. The women prepared the apples. When they had ready about seven or eight bucketsful, wine and cake were served to the crowd. Then the apples were put into the large kettles, and the housewife led the guests to the parlor where the floor, scrubbed white and sanded in intricate patterns, awaited dancers. After everyone had admired the good woman's artistry, the sand was swept up, leaving only enough for a good dancing surface. Then to the tunes of the fiddle or accordian, the doors and rafters trembled from the prancing and stamping of the crowd.

All night the watchers of the apple butter would take turns, by couples, stirring it. The stirrer was a "T" shaped piece of wood with holes bored in it to permit the butter to pass through. This was attached to a crank over the kettle. A long handle, ten or fifteen feet in length, was fastened to the crank so the stirrers could stand well back from the heat and sputtering bubbling mixture.

MANY a romance budded or bloomed into marriage over a kettle of apple butter. Especially if a red harvest moon

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rose above the dark hills, casting enough soft light for the swain to observe all the charms of the maiden, but dark enough to conceal furtive handholding and swiftly exchanged kisses. The dancing and the stirring went on all night. By dawn, when the guests departed, the apple butter was thick enough to be ladled into small crocks for storing in the cool cellar for winter use.

In the cook book, "Mary at the Farm," the proportions for a regulation batch of apple butter are given if you want to try it on your outdoor grill. To 32 gallons of cider prepare 8 buckets of apples. If the apples including those used for the cider are sweet, no sugar is needed. If they are tart, it requires 50 pounds of sugar to 40 pounds of apple butter.

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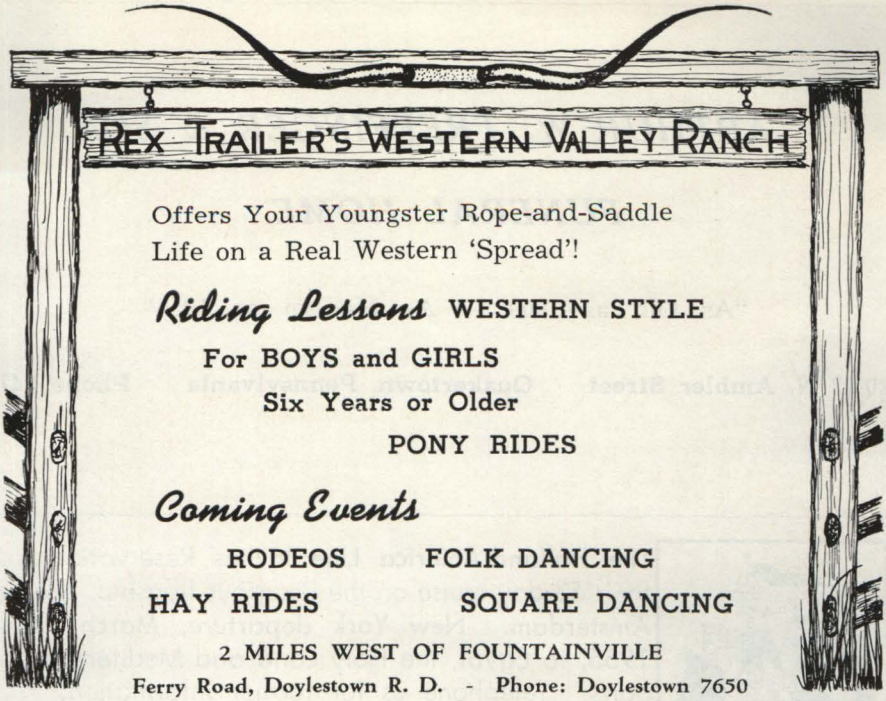
ON September 25th, 1824, the Marquis de Lafayette, one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, visited Bucks County on his tour of the United States. He crossed the bridge from Trenton to Morrisville where a Philadelphia troop of cavalry waited to welcome him and act as escort to Philadelphia. But they conceded this honor to a Bucks County troop until he reached the lower boundary. A triumphal arch was erected at Bristol. He dined there and renewed his friendship with a Mrs. Bissonet who, 47 years before, had nursed him after he was wounded at the battle of the Brandywine.

When David Stackhouse passed away in Bristol in 1899 it was recalled that he was one of three remaining residents who took part in the reception to Lafayette. Mr. Stackhouse had always loved to tell the story of himself, as a small boy rushing from the crowd and clambering onto the coach which bore the distinguished visitor. He held out a grimy hand to Lafayette who graciously took it. The boy was impressed with the tremendous sword which the General wore. The other two Bristolians who witnessed the affair and also shook hands with the French General were Mrs. Mary Van Sant and Richard Joslin. —*SMC*



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OVER THE FENCE

THIS month I'm going to stay near Doylestown. It's the County Seat and sooner or later folks from all over the County get over there. There's a cute little gift shop on Route 202, west of Doylestown, just on the edge of New Britain. It's a tiny little house with a big sign saying "Handcraft House." Russ and Esther Friend are the proprietors and they deal mostly in hand made items from all over. Their salad bowls are especially nice.

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DOWN the highway a piece at Chalfont is another handcraft outlet, but in this case it's candles. The Keith Hafers have bought the Lapal Studios where the fine art of hand dipped and wax decorated candles has been reborn so to speak. The candles are really lovely, with a delicate perfume, and can be had in plain colors or with beautiful decorations. Their bayberry candles may also be had in plain bayberry color or with Christmas designs. One particularly nice item is a plain bayberry candle in a Christmas mailing tube to send out as your greeting. Very appropriate from Bucks County, since the colonial housewives used the bayberry wax for candles so as to save precious tallow and fats. Chalfont Hand Crafts, as it is now known, is off Route 202—check your directions at the Chalfont Store. By the way, Mr. Hafer is interested in setting up a sales outlet for handcrafted items from County Craftsmen. If you're interested, contact him, his phone is Lexington 9369.

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STILL in the line of things made by hand, but on a fancier level, you *should visit* Porter Brothers, over on Rt. 611, south of Doylestown. William and Robert Porter are really artisans of the highest degree. Their antique reproductions, made completely in their own work-

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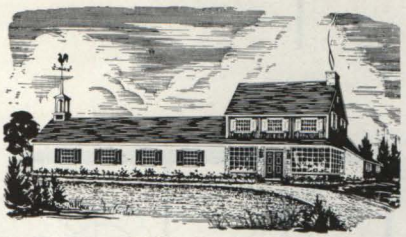

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shop, are just as handsome and painstakingly made as the original piece. They will visit museums and collections and study an original very carefully, if necessary doing sketches. Then they will go back and make that piece. Robert has *done* two clocks in particular that take your breath away. (Traveler readers may also recall our January story about an amazing desk of William's.)

The Porters found that they could not fill the demand for fine reproductions themselves, and also that lots of people could not afford the price to have one made, so they have opened an addition that handles only the best of the new factory produced reproductions. Mr. Jess Yeager is in charge of this display and sales room extension, called The Barn. He is very enthusiastic, and well he should be for the things are lovely. This is definitely the place to go if you're one who wants fine furniture that you can pass proudly on to your children.

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OUR last spot is a real switch, but of great interest I'm sure to all you folks, with or without kids, who have a yen for the West. Rex Trailer, of TV, has opened a spread west of Doylestown. You turn left off of Rt. 313 at Ferry Road—he has a sign saying "Rex Trailer's Western Valley, 2 miles." Rex has a lot of plans, including a regular Rodeo, riding, and riding instruction, AND a day camp for kids 6 to 13 next summer. The day camp is to run for 10 weeks from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday, with riding, roping, care and feeding of the horses, archery, leatherwork and such. It will cost around $5 a day. We were very impressed with the lay-out—lots of acreage, handsome buildings, big rodeo ring. You're always welcome there, and if Rex is away for some reason or other (this is his real home) his manager Garr Donlevy or his foreman John de Arman (a real Texas cow poke) will do the honors for you. I'd suggest you watch the papers for an announcement about the rodeo.

—Juno

WATER WHEEL

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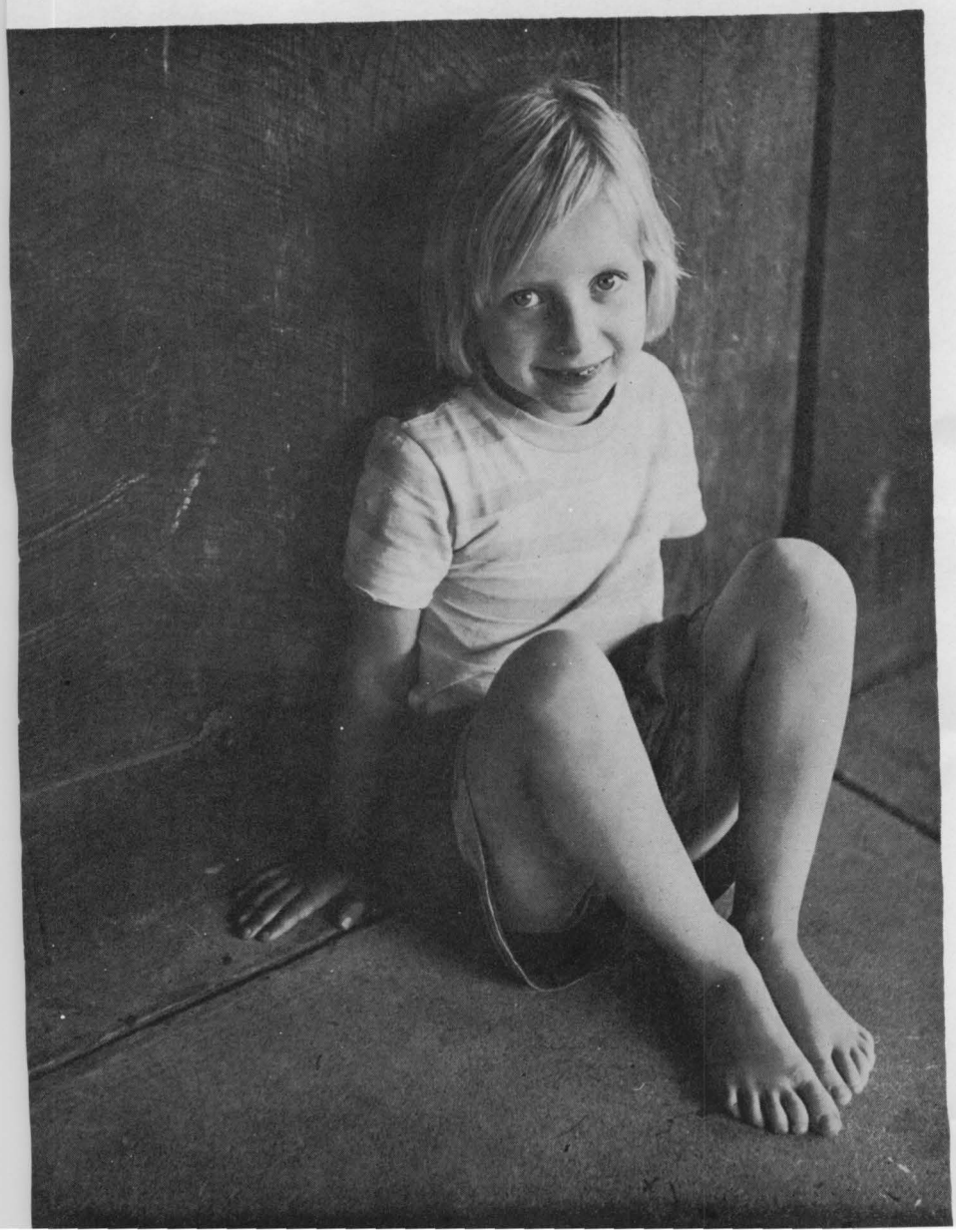
PORTRAIT

—Naomi Savage, Lambertville, N. J.



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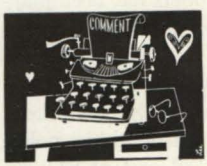

OVER 7,000 people register each year at the Bucks County Museum in Doylestown, from countries as widely separated as China and Scotland. The humorist who signed himself Percival Faumquat the Third had evidently just read Tarkington's *Seventeen,* and thought he was Willy Baxter.

Incidentally, the high windows of that prison-like structure are well out of thieves'-reach. But they have to be closed each night against owls, who seem to have an affinity for the place.

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A Newtown antique shop discourages idlers and invites customers with a single sign: "Do not sit on steps (We have chairs for sale inside)."

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RAPID growth of Bucks County is a fact that we regret, but acknowledge. The lower end of the county is currently growing at the rate of fifteen per-cent each year; its population has leaped from 54,000 in 1940 to 82,000 in 1950, and, by last summer, to 122,000. There are serious problems of congestion, both of housing and traffic movement, and over-crowding in the schools. The county probation officer reports as many commitments for juvenile delinquency for the first six months of this year as for the entire year 1953.

There are courses of action open besides moping or moving away. We can work with planning commissions, school boards and civic governments. Individually (with a gentle glance at housing contractors) we can do a part in keeping the historic and rural character of Bucks County.

Twenty years ago a trail of dogwood from Washington's Crossing to Valley Forge was begun, following a plan of Mrs. Anne Shoemaker of Doylestown. Careless widening of highways by the state and transplanting in the wrong season have done great damage to these trees. County garden clubs are now urging all of us to cooperate in maintaining the natural beauty spots. Bucks County will grow bigger, but it need not become ugly.

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THE new pipeline that crosses the county from Quakertown to the Delaware has caused minor annoyance by blasting and road blocks. Its worst aspects are the ugly cuts through forests and fields. A practical suggestion is that Texas Eastern follow the line of existing creeks, making as little noise as possible. This would be more expensive, but the company could save money by cutting down its public relations expenses. Much public good-will would be obtained if the company's workmen wore Sherwood green and went about

their unpleasant task quietly hidden in shady ravines.

Like all proposals that would lead to beauty or peace, the above will be labelled "impractical."

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THE need for fill dirt has built some good-will, for it is being bought locally by Texas Eastern from individual property owners. A Plumstead township farmerette agreed to supply fill without charge if she could direct operations. She now has a deep excavation for a proposed swimming pool.

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STATISTICIANS have been attempting to prove that few adults reach a mental age higher than twelve. Many newspapers and periodicals have followed movie and television producers by accepting this conclusion. It is now nearly uniform in journalism not to exceed Basic English (a 400 word vocabulary, or slightly under that of a well-trained parrot). Whatever the faults of the 19th Century, editors then had an assurance of language that is little related to their successors' timid monosyllables. This brief obituary is from the Correspondent and Farmers' Advertiser of March 30, 1819.

"*Died,* in Doylestown (late Warwick) township, on Sunday the 21st inst. in the 87th year of his age—*Mr. David Johnson.* Like a shock of corn fully ripe, he is gathered into the garner, we trust, of his heavenly father. He was a native of Ireland, but has resided from early life in this country, and by the blessing of *Heaven* on his industry and economy, had acquired a competency. His funeral was numerously attended, and a suitable discourse delivered by the Rev. Mr. DuBois."

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THE descendents of George W. and Elizabeth Koons Grim held a meeting this summer at Reigel Ridge, N. J. A headline writer for the Doylestown *Intelligencer* could not resist the obvious: "Grim Descendents Name Officers."

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ONE of our staff members has been playing "Stanley." Our inter-office system (the "here, catch!" type) delivered the following note:

"Aided and abetted by the ubiquitous electron, Warminster Township police who watchdog Route 132 east of 611 are proving courteous, considerate, up-to-date and informative. Was rolling briskly along near the Naval Air Station when saw ahead the crisp uniform and upraised hand. The Law, in the person of a decent young fellow, civilly requested (1) pull over, (2) watch that bad hole near the culvert, and (3) out with the old license and owner's card. There followed a scanning of credentials, jotting of vital statistics and exchange of mutual expressions of distress.

"Drove off richer for this freely given information: the four officers assigned to this detail agree it's a dandy road, but the sign says 35 m.p.h. Warminster Township can, in good conscience, permit 40.9. Beyond this, precise and legally acceptable note of excess is made by one of those new electronic gismos, the glad tidings being relayed forward to a concealed squad car. In short, by the time you've seen the upraised Hand, you've had it. Take in the summons and argue with the robot if you like, but chances are it's more realistic to pay the fifteen bucks. And in the future, remember, that's a mean hole near the culvert."

THE GAFFNEYS

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PEOPLE

The Hermit of Wolf's Rock

IN the spring of 1858 the *Doylestown Democrat* "scooped" other local papers on the uncovering of the "Hermit of Wolf Rocks." This was Albert Large, the county's most celebrated hermit. Other papers called him "The Wild Man of Buckingham."

These descriptions are in contrast to personal reminiscences of a gentle nature-lover, who preferred the forest to his family home.

In early manhood he had disappeared. He lived in a cave, undetected for twenty years, only a few miles from his father's farm. His neighbors' sensibilities were probably as much offended by the thought of having been tricked as they were by Large's preference for the "savage" life. Local opinion was also embittered because he came from one of the oldest families. In fact, his refuge was on the mountain acquired by his great-grandfather, Joseph Large, in 1709, and inherited by his father, Sam.

THE father was an energetic fox-hunter, pictured as riding on moonlit hunts with the Elys and Byes over Buckingham and Solebury Mountains as far as Bowman's Hill and Jericho. Bert, on the other hand, was remembered by a cousin as a "born naturalist, who loved the woods and their wild inhabitants." The antipathy between father and son is not hard to imagine.

It is known that his mother supplied him with clothing against the father's wishes. Her death deprived him of the only person he trusted after his hermitage began.

ALBERT, the "ne'er-do-well", was compared to his brother, Joseph, who was first a teacher at Buckingham, then became an Episcopal clergyman and moved to a "successful" parish in the far west.

It was possibly the resentment by his neighbors that encouraged the vandalism of sightseers after Albert's secret had been exposed. The crowds of tourists eventually forced him to disappear once more, this time without further notice of his existence.

Although Albert's last disappearance was in 1858, the fact of his strange life and a desire to explain it have been of interest from his day to the present.

Besides local records and newspaper accounts, individual studies of him have been made. During the 1920's the late Mrs. Annie E. P. Darrow, a cousin of the Larges, wrote the recollections of her father, Wilson Pearson, who remembered from his teens working with Albert.

"Father said Bert was pretty well satisfied working in the woods, but it irked him to do anything around the buildings. He was not a dependable worker, for as soon as he saw a bird or anything that interested him, he would stop to watch it and often idle an hour away before he would be ready to work again. My father was a pretty good naturalist himself and gave Bert credit for much of what he knew. Among other things Bert was an expert bee-homer, and taught father the trick.

"He was also a good weather forecaster, and could tell what sort of a winter was ahead by the way the wild things prepared for it. He said even the trees and wild plants knew when a hard winter was coming and prepared for it.

"That was before the day of matches, and in his pockets he always had a handful or two of dry leaves that blazed easily, a flint, etc., so he could quickly start a fire, and he was never without a little salt. He would kill a rabbit or bird, skin it, wrap it in leaves and bake it in hot ashes. It made fine eating, father said.

"In those days all the creeks had suckers and catfish in them, and Bert would stand in the creek very still with one hand in the water, and when a sucker came near, in a flash he had it.

"When father knew him he always had a little money in his pocket. When he would run out of money, he would work a day or two for some farmer. But after the first few winters of his hermit life father thought he took care of himself without bothering to work for anybody."

From that point on for twenty years the only reports of Albert Large were tales of frightened berry pickers who had glimpsed a strange creature with a long beard or heard a voice that seem to come from the rocks.

ON the morning of April 9, 1958, William Kennard was crossing the mountain. He suddenly noticed smoke curling up from Wolf Rocks, and heard an eerie sound "like the dragging of a kettle by a chain." With a friend, Mose Allum, Kennard recruited reinforcements at Aaron Ely's quarry. The crowd returned with crowbars, churn-augers and other quarry tools. They raised such a din that finally Albert Large rolled the stone from the entrance of his cave and crawled out. His uncombed grey locks fell about his shoulders, and his beard hung below his waist. His clothes were as tattered as a scarecrow's.

He allowed the men to crawl into his "home" and inspect it. They were amazed to find it one of considerable comfort. A newspaper account of the time describes the place: "It is entered on the north side on all fours. The kitchen contains a furnace and a pipe to carry off the smoke, several buckets, a powder keg with a leather strap for a handle, several tin milk pans, a pot for boiling food and a brown jug. The next apartment you enter is somewhat elevated above the kitchen. It is not high enough for a man to walk erect, but when once ensconced therein, its occupant is pretty comfortable and cosy. It has a good bed and is lined with boards." A Bucks County realtor of today would describe it as a pine-paneled split-level mountainside home with a view.

ALBERT told the men that he kept abreast of the news by overhearing conversations of people who walked through or met near Wolf Rocks. He hinted that he had been an unseen witness of many an ardent wooing, not all of which would be considered innocent by the villagers. He knew which "highly respectable" young men sought the seclusion of the area for card games and other gambling.

ON the Sunday following the discovery of Albert, crowds began climbing the mountain. Between 500 and 1,000 people visited him the first day. They carried off his tin bucket, cut bits from his clothes, grabbed buttons from his coat, and confiscated his reserve of old clothes that lay in a corner of his bedroom. Those who couldn't appropriate any of his possessions, took pieces of rock.

Each day the number of visitors increased. Albert saw that he would never again find isolation on Wolf Rocks. One night he disappeared. We know no more than Mrs. Darrow, who wrote, "I forgot what became of the Hermit, whether he went back to civilization to die, or like the wild things hunted some quiet spot to die alone."

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TWINS FISHING

—Joe Forsyth, New Hope

PICNIC AND HAYRIDE

Upper county families, including members of the Loux, Hartzell, Shearer and Grant families, on a picnic and hayride about the year 1910. The bar connecting the man and woman on the right is apparently a projecting hay-rake, not the link of a tandem hat. (Allen Grant collection, Quakertown).

CABIN RUN COVERED BRIDGE

—Bob Stevens, Solebury

THE ARTS

MOVIES generally don't rate much space in this department but the big news at this writing is that a new film, *On the Waterfront*, written by Budd Schulberg, is real cinematographic art. Based on a Malcolm Johnson's Pulitzer-Prize-winning articles on corruption along New York's docks, the picture has strength, pace and Marlon Brando—and cost only $800,000 to bring in, which is about half the going rate for major features . . . Another movie, based on the late Felix Holt's *The Gabriel Horn*, is about to go before the cameras in Hollywood, with Burt Lancaster in the lead . . . Other news is being made at the Bucks County Playhouse this summer, where a lot of new shows and new faces are bringing in record-breaking grosses at the box office, to the delight of new producer Mike Ellis . . .

MUSIC-lovers have a lively fall and winter season ahead, judging from early signs. The Bucks County Symphony Orchestra, whose debut last fall was an artistic and financial success, is planning an expanded program this year. A rival (or supplementary) group, the Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, also is lining up a fall program. Meanwhile, the Trenton Symphony Orchestra is quietly preparing its 32nd concert season . . .

WRITERS. Poet Stanley Kunitz is in Paris on a two-year Amy Lowell Traveling Fellowship . . . Jean Garrigue also is in Paris, having just won a Rockefeller Award . . . Josephine Herbst spent part of the summer at the MacDowell Colony. . . . Craig Thompson's article on Levittown was in the *Saturday Evening Post* this month. Good, too . . . And science writer John Pfeiffer has written an article about hiccups for *Coronet* . . . A. W.

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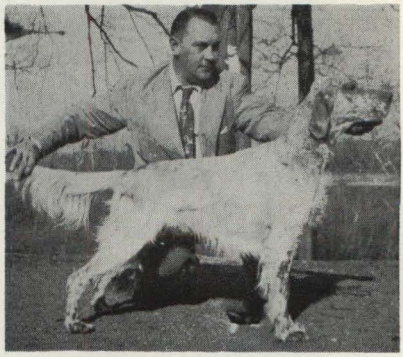

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CANINE COLUMN

THE rough-coated collie of modern times goes back to the shepherds' dog which Thomas Bewick depicted in his historic wood-cuts made prior to 1800, and it is probable that the breed was known in Scotland for more than a century before that time. Sheep herding is one of the oldest occupations in the world, and on this basis alone we may assume that the collie's ancestors go far back into time. They were imported to America as far back as colonial days, and the first registrations of the breed appear in Volume 2 of The American Kennel Club Stud book, published in 1885. A number of these registrations were American-bred. Today it ranks among the most popular of the working dog group.

The collie is a lithe, strong, responsive dog, carrying no useless timber, standing

Rockland County Lassie
Mrs. George Wilson
Buckingham Valley

firm and straight. The wide chest shows strength, the sloping shoulders and well-bent hocks indicate speed and grace, and the face shows high intelligence. He is a true picture of balance, each part being in harmonious proportion to every other part and to the whole. Height is 24 to 26 inches at the shoulder, weight is 60 to 75 pounds. The head properties are of great importance and should be inclined to lightness, never massive, resembling a well-blunted lean wedge. On the sides it tapers gradually and smoothly from the ears to the end of the black nose, without being flared out in the backskull ("cheeky") or pinched in the muzzle ("snipy"). The stop is at mid point between the inside corners of the eyes, and is also the center of balance of the head. The eye should be dark, with clear and bright appearance, showing inquisitiveness when the ears are up and alert. There are three common colors: The "Blue Merle," a mottled or marbled blue gray color; The "Sable & White;" and the "Tri-color" which is any combination of tan, white and sable.

There are several breeders in Bucks County who have been breeding and showing dogs for quite a few years, among them are Mrs. George Wilson of Buckingham Valley, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Bell's Maralyn Kennel of Doylestown, R. D. 2.

—C. & J. Kieffer

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Butler County K. C., Butler, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 6—Putnam K. C., Carmel, N. Y.

SEPTEMBER 10—Cocker Spaniel Club of N. J., Far Hills.
Welsh Terrier Club of America, Portchester, N. Y.

SEPTEMBER 11—Upper Potomac Valley K. C., Cumberland, Md.
Somerset Hills K. C., Far Hills, N. J.

SEPTEMBER 12—Mason & Dixon K. C., Hagerstown, Md.
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SEPTEMBER 18—Lehigh Valley K. C., Allentown, Pa.

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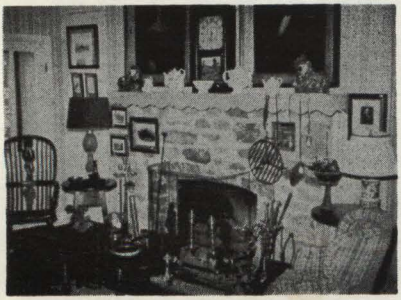

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COUNTY COLLECTIONS

ONE of the country's finest collections of Currier & Ives horse prints is to be found here in Bucks County. Mrs. Mary Atkinson Turner of New Hope has been buying, selling, trading and accumulating them for the last thirty years. All available wall space in her large home is covered with framed prints and paintings of horses. A long mahogany case holds unframed prints and folios. Book cases contain books on horses, prints, racing and the circus. About fifty years ago when her husband, the late Dr. Henry Turner, was veterinarian with Barnum & Bailey's circus, Mrs. Turner rode a fancy stepping horse in the sawdust ring for five exciting years. So she collects circus posters too, along with her some sixty-five Currier & Ives horse prints.

Mrs. Turner is a young woman of eighty-nine years, with a vivid memory of every horse, their pedigrees, the famous tracks they ran, their records and fascinating stories about each one.

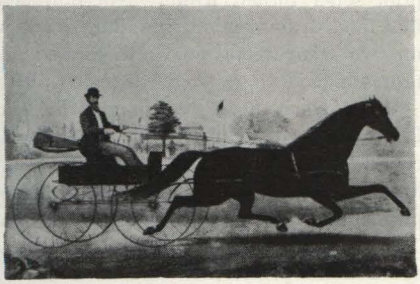
She developed her love for horses on the old home farm in lower Solebury township where her father, Charles Atkinson, raised fine horses and raced them at county fairs. But it wasn't until 1924 that Currier & Ives came to mean more to her than just a picture almost every farm woman had in her parlor or kitchen.

A New York dealer had a folio of thirty black and white Currier & Ives prints that he wanted colored authentically, and asked Mrs. Turner if she could do it. She accomplished it successfully in a month and from that day became a collector. Originally the prints were colored on an assembly line at a long table, each woman doing all the green or the blue etc., in water color.

ONE of the first horse prints N. Currier made was "A correct likeness of Mr. H. Rockwell's horse Alexander—Bow-

ery Amphitheater, N. Y. March 17, 1840." Mrs. Turner also has two very rare original drawings done by Ives. They are scarce, because penciled sketches were usually thrown away after the drawing was done on the lithograph stone.

THE horse in the illustration is Volunteer and is driven by his owner, Alden Goldsmith, at Historic Track at Goshen, N. Y., called the cradle of the trotter. He is a descendent of the celebrated Hambletonian.



A dealer, always on the lookout for prints for Mrs. Turner once proudly offered her one of Messenger. She exclaimed "What have you done to Messenger?" She explained that he was a white horse, not the chestnut someone had erroneously colored him. The chagrined dealer called an attendant and said, "take it away."

Her print of Messenger recalled that he was the first imported horse brought to this country from England. In 1788 Major Benger installed him at China Hall, a magnificent country estate near Bristol. Mrs. Turner says that for years every fleabitten mare in Bucks County was said to be a descendent of Messenger. With the onset of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793, the alarmed Major loaded the horse on a flat boat to ferry him across the Delaware. In the excitement the usually quiet horse killed a groom. In New York Benger quickly sold Messenger to Henry Astor, a butcher, and brother of John Jacob. Then Benger returned to the safety of England.

Mrs. Turner has detected fakes and forgeries, and once, about fifteen years ago, a thief. A personable young man called to sell her some horse prints. When he spread them before her she was appall-

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ed, for she recognized prints she had recently sold to a friend, Blanche Post, in Portsmouth, N. H., whose letter a few days before had recounted the robbery of her shop. For a moment she didn't know what to do. Then she managed, without exciting the man's suspicion, to get her husband into the kitchen where she told him of the strange circumstance. He called the state police from a phone outside. When he returned a half hour later with a very large and authoritative trooper, the print seller turned white. Not only was this thief apprehended, but they rounded up two companions who also robbed antique shops.

When Harry Shaw Newman of the Old Print Shop in New York, one of the country's greatest print authority, sent Mrs. Turner a book of Currier & Ives prints, he inscribed on the front fly leaf "To Mrs. M. A. Turner who knows more about horse prints than anyone I know."

—Sara Maynard Clark

THE FACE OF NATURE

DURING September you might give a thought to the coming winter months, and make some preparations against the season of no flowers. A potpourri, or scent jar, can be a delightful way to carry your summer garden indoors—considerably condensed, to be sure —to tide you over the long grey days.

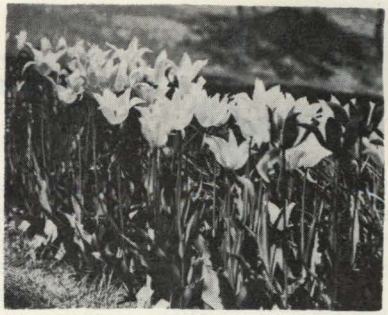
If you'll admit right off that there are at least two ways to do anything (right and wrong), then there are at least four ways to make a potpourri, since there are basically two kinds (wet and dry) to begin with. The wet method is probably the way your old French grandmother does it (pourrir: to rot; thus, too literally, perhaps: rot pot). Everything that blooms is thrown into a pot with salt and allowed

to ferment, cure, and/or explode. Rather a mess, sometimes, and rarely worth the trouble.

Nowadays, the dry method is preferred since it is simpler and—unlike the wet—preserves the color as well as the fragrance of the flowers. Simply, this consists of combining fragrant, dried flowers with herbs, spices, essential oils, and fixatives. Of all flowers, roses have long been the favored base of most potpourris (the Provence pink, damask, Kazanlik of the older stocks; Geo. Dickson, Ulrich Brunner, Etoile de Hollande of the newer). However, almost any pleasantly scented flower can be used. And so it is with herbs (mint, lemon balm, rosemary—the choice is very wide) and spices (cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, etc.). Of the fragrant oils, rose geranium, eucalyptus, peppermint and bergamot are only a few of the many available at most pharmacies, where you may find the fixatives, gum benzoin, storax, and orris root. The fragrant oils must be used sparingly (a few drops, at most) and, with whatever fixative employed, mixed thoroughly with the flowers, herbs and spices.

AS a beginner, you might try this pungent 16th century recipe: 1 pint each of dried peppermint, thyme leaves, and lavender flowers; 1 tablespoon of crushed spices (cloves, coriander, nutmeg) to which add 2 tablespoons of crushed caraway seed; and 1 tablespoon of well crushed gum benzoin will fix and hold all the fragrances. Mix thoroughly and turn into as decorative a jar as you wish, but certainly one that can be tightly stoppered when desired.

Simple as it is, the above is a good base for many complicated mixes. Roses, cardinal flowers, aconite or larkspur could just as well be thrown in, or you might change the spice mixture to include dried orange, lemon or lime peelings, vetiver roots, tonka and vanilla beans, just as you like. And 'though no fragrant oils were employed, they could have been, and a fixative of animal, rather than vegetable, origin could have been substituted. Variations unlimited. —*J. S. B.*



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CHEFS & COOKS

DURING the Revolution the Liberty Bell was moved from Philadelphia to Allentown. We are of course referring to the original, not to the spun-sugar replica described in this column last month.

In those days Sellersville's Washington-ton House Hotel was considered the logical overnight stop on the two day journey. Probability reinforces tradition that the famous bell stayed the night in Sellersville, while its patriot movers refreshed themselves at the Inn.

Today, the chef of the historic hotel brings his own story of freedom. Chef David Gruenwald was born in Austria. He fled with his family after the Nazis occupied his country in the early 1930's. During World War II he served with the British Army, spending 18 months under Field Marshall Montgomery. He still carries scars from the North African Campaign. He next joined the British Navy and spent two years at sea as cook.

He brought his mother from London to this country five years ago. This summer she returned to live with her daughter in England, but David plans to stay in America. He is unmarried, and, like a true Viennese, spends most of his leisure time listening to music, or attending symphonies and musical comedies.

HE studied cooking from his boyhood in a restaurant owned by his father and uncle. In the renowned culinary atmosphere of Vienna he learned the best of native Austrian and Continental cuisine.

This tradition can be seen in his use of wine and mushrooms in so many dishes. He urges the American cook to enliven recipes with wine and herb cooking. Although impressed with the quality and variety of frozen foods, he is surprised at the use of canned goods in a country where fresh foods are so plentiful.

Here are his recipes for Cabbage Soup and Beef and Kidney Pie.

BUCKS COUNTY TRAVELER
Chefs and Cooks, No. 2

Washington House Hotel
David Gruenwald, Chef

English Beef Steak and Kidney Pie

1 lb. top round Beef Steak
1 bunch sm. carrots (scraped)
1 chopped med. sized onion
2 cups cubed potatoes
¼ tsp. sweet basil
⅛ tsp. pepper
½ cup chopped fresh parsley—dried parsley leaves may be used
1 Beef Kidney
1 sm. clove garlic
2 tlp. flour
¼ tsp. marjoram
1 bay leaf
1 cup red wine (optional)

Prepare kidneys by removing white membrane and dicing; soak in cold salted water while cutting steak in small cubes. Sear both in iron skillet in 3 tablespoons fat and 2 tablespoons flour about 5 minutes, add 2 cups bouillon and boil 6 minutes. Salt to your taste. Place together with other ingredients in buttered casserole, cover with pastry crust and bake half hour at 450 degrees.

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Austrian Cabbage Soup

1 small head cabbage or use outside green leaves
3 tablespoons fat
1 quart stock
salt to taste
1 diced carrot
¼ tsp. thyme
½ tsp. pepper
1 med. chopped onion
¼ tsp. marjoram

Cut cabbage in strips. Brown in fat with onion. Add the meatstock (bouillon cubes or beef extract may be used but will give an inferior flavor). Simmer gently 1 hour. During last half hour add carrot and herbs and seasonings. Cup of red wine may be added during last ten minutes.

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REPORTS

LOWER BUCKS

A dream is being talked about these days in the southern part of Bucks County. It is being discussed in Bristol, Tullytown, Hulmeville Boroughs, Morrisville and in the townships of Middletown, Bensalem, Bristol and Falls.

The dream occurred to some people as early as 1951. At that time Bristol Township was made into a first class township. During that year construction began on Fairless Hills. In 1952 the town of Levittown and the Fairless Works of United States Steel passed from blueprints into reality.

The possibility that the towns, townships and boroughs might unite and become a city appealed to these dreamers. By becoming a city the various villages would forget their differences with each other, and would reap the benefits of having a central government, better schools, and perhaps even be able to support a vocational school.

AND so the dream remained a dream until June of 1954 when a man by the name of Harvey Morrell made a motion at a meeting of the Bristol Township Board of Commissioners. The motion Morrell made was "to set up an exploratory meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a third class city and mutual problems pertaining to municipal functions." Morrell told the group he felt that in five or ten years the area would become a city and that some official body would have to take the initiative.

The members of the Bristol Township Board of Commissioners did not go on record that June night as being in favor of consolidation but they were definitely interested in exploring the possibilities.

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IT is said that women seem to have a way of getting what they want. Not too long ago the women of Fallsington by use of a little Yankee ingenuity proved this to be true.

They were tired of the dust that filled their homes coming from a nearby road that was under construction. They were so tired of the dust that they sat protesting two hours in the hot sun during a recent heat wave.

The ladies filled some baskets with peaches and conducted a sit down strike across Tyburn road, which is the main link between routes 1 and 13 in Fallsington. During the two hours they turned away hundred of cars.

At last police from Falls Township, state highway officials and police from the Fairless Hills substation along with building contractors tried to arbitrate with the women.

The women won the victory at noon when a compromise was reached. The contractor, Harry C. Erb, Inc. promised to water down the road by dusk. He was informed by the ladies if it wasn't done they would be back with their peach baskets at 10:00 a. m. in the morning.

The thing that amused and irritated the women of nearby Fairless Hills and Levittown was that many of them had been living in a state of dirt and dust from construction for a period of a year or two and they had taken the whole thing without complaining. On Trenton Road in Fairless Hills the construction workers have been working on the road for over a year and the finishing touches are not yet completed. The Fallsington ladies after a very short period demanded action —and got it.

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THE recent Levittown Beauty Contest, sponsored by the Levittown Businessmen's Association showed that young housewives make pretty good beauty contestants.

The judges, including Ezra Stone and Roddy MacDowell picked Mrs. Renee Castro as Mrs. Levittown of 1954.

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—Joanne

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"Put and Take" Fishing

THE trout fishing season here which ended July 31 is past history. To mention trout fishing at this late date after a hot summer may also seem somewhat out of date. But an appraisal of the subject is in order.

Trouting in Bucks County is like the Old Gray Mare, "she ain't what she used to be." We do have trout fishing, mainly of the "put and take" variety. The State Fish Commission supplies the trout, all hatchery reared, stocks them in the streams, and the fishermen take them out about as fast as they are put in. This seems to be an agreeable arrangement, especially for the younger fishermen, who must take their trout fishing as they find it, and who know nothing of the original kind a few oldsters can remember.

The Fish Commission stocks three streams in Bucks County. The Neshaminy between Newtown and Langhorne, Mill Creek near Buckingham, and Cook's Creek near Springton. Cook's Creek is the only remaining natural trout stream in the county, and even this stream has deteriorated greatly in recent years due to water conditions and some pollution. It is possible that a few native trout might still survive in this stream and its tributaries.

FISHING for trout in this heavily populated and congested area can be described by the following experience last May.

A friend of mine called me aside and whispered in my ear that the Fish Commission had stocked Cook's Creek with trout, and that it would be open for fishing the following day at noon. Very few knew about it, he said, it ought to be good fishing. Of course, I whispered the

same story to my buddy, and away we went the next day.

As we approached the scene of our operations, we were astounded at the number of cars parked for half a mile or more near the particular spot in the stream we expected to fish. Long before noon arrived, fishermen in droves were taking up their positions. The "whispering" had been a huge success. At twelve on the dot, 987 worms were "dunked" in Cook's Creek simultaneously. Shortly thereafter, I had a strike. I pulled to set the hook. My neighbors did likewise. Three of us pulled out the hapless trout. After unraveling our lines we found that the fish had taken my bait. The other lines had fouled mine. This gave them the impression they also had a bite.

Finally I cast my line again. It became thoroughly entangled when several other fishermen cast their lines over mine. It took us some time to untangle that mess. That was all for me. My buddy and I went sight-seeing, then home. We like trout fishing, but prefer a less popular variety.

Short Barks From the Fields

DOG training season is here. Now is the time to get that beagle or bird dog hardened for the strenuous times just ahead, when the hunting season starts. Plenty of exercise in the small game covers now means happier days in the field later.

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PRESENT indications for pheasant, rabbit, and squirrel in the county appear favorable. Many young rabbits and pheasants can be seen by an observant person, especially in the upper and less congested end of the county.

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HAVE you noticed the large number of oppossum that are run over and killed by automobiles in our section? Many pheasants, rabbits and other animals are killed on our highways by careless drivers. *Be careful.* Save that wild life.

—Pickerel

NO LESS THAN A Generation Ago, folks would have been quite shocked at the brilliant, and unusual colors that everybody uses today on their houses, both inside and out. It would have been most improper in 1920 to have a living room painted in two shades of blue—say, blue-grey opposing royal blue—with chartreuse upholstery! And imagine what they would have though of a salmon-pink kitchen!

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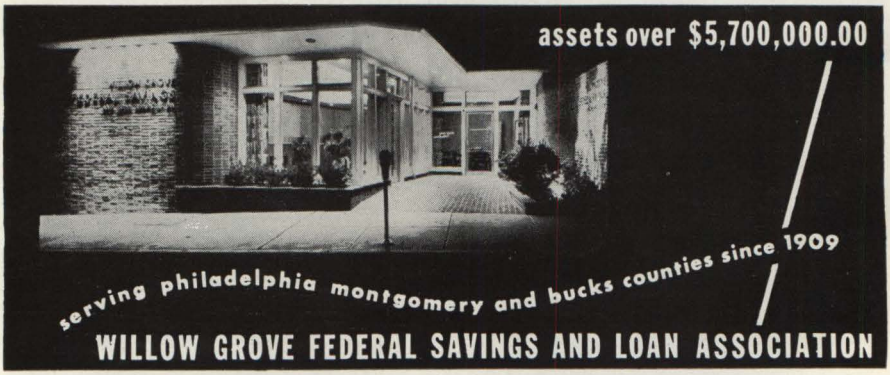

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A MAJOR newspaper war for 70,000 *new* readers in Lower Bucks was joined when *Bristol Courier* Publisher S. W. Calkins bought the weekly *Levittown Times* and announced it would be issued daily starting Aug. 16. The semi-weekly *Bucks County Press*, in new quarters, planned to become a Levittown daily on Sept. 20th . . . In Upper Bucks, the weekly *Quakertown Free Press* became a semi-weekly . . .

COUNTYWIDE, the big news came Aug. 2 when rain ended a 2-month drought . . . A near-hurricane July 31st levelled a Quakertown Firemen's Carnival. . . . Governor Fine issued another stay of execution (their 21st) to the three men who murdered William Kelly after a Feasterville holdup in 1947 . . .

IN BRIEF. Back in Lower Bucks, Falls Township residents circulated petitions to incorporate as *Fallsboro*, a move that could kill Levittown's incorporation plans . . . Builder Bill Levitt told the Senate Banking Committee his company has made $5,-150,000 by selling Levittown, N. Y., but denied the profit was a 'windfall.' . . . Bill's brother Alfred announced plans for a 400-home Levittown near Paris . . .And Renee Castro, *Mrs. Levittown 1954*, announced she would try for the *Mrs. America* crown next year . . .

OBITUARY

WILLIAM K. CLYMER, 67, Quakertown's chief clerk and a borough leader, died July 23rd after a stroke.

PHARES BADER, 64, longtime Perkasie Borough Council Secretary (1922-1952), died August 5th of a heart ailment.

JOHN H. WOOD, 69, of Langhorne Manor, head of Lower Bucks School Authority, died July 26th after a brief illness.

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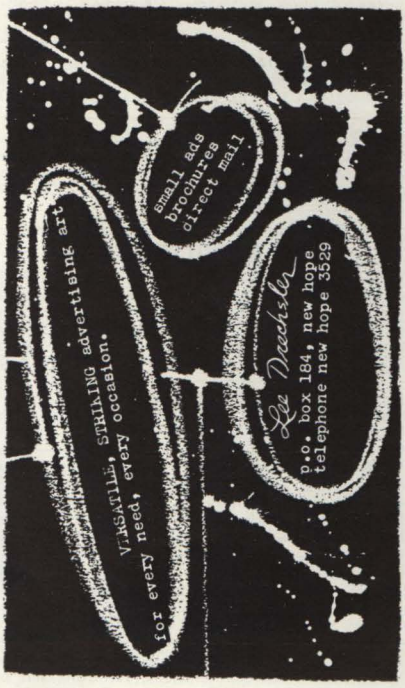

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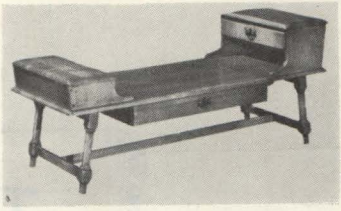

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